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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6218

BILL NUMBER: SB 289

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 1, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Elected School Board Members.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Smith J

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the elected members of the governing body of certain school corporations are elected on a partisan basis, beginning after December 31, 2014. It makes conforming changes to related sections. The bill also makes a technical correction.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* This bill would establish school boards as an elected office on par with other primary nominated and general elected offices. Counties with optical-scan voting systems would have to lengthen their printed ballots to include school board members. Given ballots would already be prepared for primary elections, regardless, any increase in expenditure would likely be minimal.

Counties with direct recording electronic (DRE) voting systems would not have an increase in cost, but only additional programming of their primary ballot to include school board offices. DRE county election officials would be able to program in the school board offices at the time they program in other offices on the primary ballot.

Additional information: The bill would not apply to school corporations whose school boundaries include any part of Marion, Lake, Allen, Hamilton, or St. Joseph counties.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources:

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